

# CDC Factsheet: Emergency Management Activities in Guinea



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### **Emergency Management during the Ebola Response – 2014/2016**

- CDC's partner, the Public Health Agency Canada (PHAC), supported Ebola response efforts by deploying emergency management experts to work alongside the CDC Country team to assist the National Ebola Coordination better coordinate its response efforts

### **Emergency Management Activities Post-Ebola**

- CDC-Guinea continued to support the development of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the National Agency for Public Health Security (ANSS) of the Ministry of Health to manage public health events and infectious disease outbreaks
- When activated, core EOC functions include coordinating response activities and meetings, overseeing logistics, mobilizing resources and investigation teams, and creating and disseminating daily situation reports to keep leadership/partners abreast of epidemiological situation, intervention activities, challenges, needs, gaps, etc.
- Day-to-day EOC activities include capacity reinforcement through trainings and exercises, information management, developing document archival system, sending out weekly partner meeting summaries, etc.
- CDC, IOM, and PHAC are strengthening the capacity of the EOC staff:
  - IOM trained 20 members of the ANSS - including agency leadership, departmental liaisons and department heads - on basic principles of emergency management
  - PHAC created a 4-week training program in Canada for six core EOC staff highlighting key principles of emergency management: incident management system; roles and responsibilities; primary functions of the EOC before, during, and after activation; how to conduct exercises; and risk and interagency communication
  - CDC-Atlanta trained two ANSS EOC members and two IOM emergency management specialists through a four-month fellowship in emergency management.
- Since January 2017, EOC has successfully activated to coordinate investigations and response interventions for a yellow fever and a measles outbreak

### **Moving Forward**

- Finalize and validate key emergency management policies and develop an emergency response plan with internal and external partners
- Continue to mentor ANSS staff
- Encourage the sustainability of EOC

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*Pictures: ANSS team at EOC, middle picture: training at PHAC in Canada*